

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
July 7, 2011**

Call to order 7pm

Roll call-Present were Ruth Wineman, Jeanette Schultz, Sue Villanueva, Jason Sheridan, Garry Patrick, Mark Jorgensen and Nathan Derusha. Also present were Monte O'Dell-DPW Supervisor, Kelly Williams-Treasurer, Shirley Harmon-Clerk, Gene Fisher-Maple Syrup Association, Kate Rumsey-resident, Pat Powers-MV Schools Maintenance, Ronna Steel-School Superintendent and Shari Carney-reporter.

Pledge to flag

Public Comment

Ronna Steel and Pat Powers were present to answer any questions that the council had about Maplewood closing. They do plan to maintain the building as well as installing security cameras. They will use it for storage after winterizing. They will also still use it as a bus stop during the upcoming school year.

Gene Fisher came to ask that the council rework their ordinance on festival vending and he would like to be part of it. He then directed a comment to the reporter.

Blair Miller came to report on the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail progress-that it is ready to open up. Clerk read an invitation for a dedication on 7-19-11 at 7:45am, everyone welcome. He also reported that the 20th Annual Michigander Bicycle Tour was coming thru on July 18th which would bring about 600 bikers into the downtown which would help the businesses.

Consent Agenda Items

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM 5, CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL NOT BE SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

A. Minutes – Regular mtg. 6-9-11

B. Treasurer's report for June 2011

C. Bills for approval thru 7-7-11 -- Ace Auto-change memo info to nuts and bolts

Garry Patrick moved to approve the paying of bills with the memo correction, seconded by Jason Sheridan, all ayes.

Reports from Council Committees

Insurance/Legal/Finance-see minutes

Water/Sewer-none

Grants -none

Ordinance – Animal Permit presented for 163 Round Lake/Brian and Kate Rumsey-they are applying for 10 chickens for a 4H project. Jason Sheridan moved to approve the application, seconded by Sue Villanueva, 5 ayes and 1 nay-Schultz.

Street Drains and Sidewalks –Monte to give report under DPW.

Fire-Jeanette reported

Buildings & Grounds-Mark reported that he and Monte are acquiring bids for the office roof.

The Lion's Club will be working on fixing their equipment at the water tower park, on the 16th of this month.

Technology-the servers are in but not running yet. Clerk mentioned that installing the new software on September 6th.

Health & Safety-set meeting for 25th at 7pm, also the window stickers are in.

Personnel-need to set a meeting.

DPW Report

West Forest approach is done and we saved about \$204.00

The last grant payment from the state is in so we can now wrap up the project.

Had a meeting on June 21st at 9am on possible grants for Rails to Trails
Monte would like to request an employee/personnel meeting.

Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Planning Commission – minutes

ZBA -none

Garry asked about the Medical Marijuana Moratorium, it needs to be renewed in September.

President-Clerk-Treasurer Report

Kelly would like to report she felt the Meet and Greet went well and that we were under budget.

Ruth thanked those involved in the planning and implementation of the Meet & Greet. She also thanked Jason for all his extra work on the ordinance violations.

Unfinished Business

Ruth reported on an ongoing zoning problem -after looking at the Sheriff's Contract she found out that it does not cover them enforcing our Zoning Ordinance, so the contract needs to be revised. She asked for the council's opinion on how best to proceed, whether to contact attorney or forget the whole thing.

Jason Sheridan moved for Ruth to talk to the attorney to determine if the shed is a violation and if it is defensible and what the council should do about it. No second made, motion dies for lack of support. No directions were given as to what to do.

New Business

Public Comment

Sue asked about the tree in the park that has died out-Monte says he will contact the planter –The Outdoor Edge Landscaping.

Sue also mentioned about the revamp of Riverside Resort with a new beach, camping and a big water slide.

Garry wondered what feedback anyone had gotten on the Meet & Greet, everyone said it has been good. He would like to see the council do this every year and maybe some other fun things during the summer (outdoor movies or a dance).

Adjournment

Mark Jorgensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Garry Patrick, all ayes.

9:12pm

Shirley Harmon
Clerk

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